(d) Disciplinary proceedings against the pilots have since been initiated as per relevant provisions of the company. In addition, Air India Express Management have decided to maintain closer contact with the pilots to avoid sudden recurrence of such an incident.

Charges for using AI and IA'S infrastructure

1591. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aviation infrastructure of Indian Airlines and Air India is being used by our Armed Forces also;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these companies are charging for their services extended to the Armed Forces; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Both Air India and Indian Airlines provide services of transportation, engineering maintenance, ground handling etc. to the Armed Forces depending on their requirements from time to time.

(c) and (d) The charges for services rendered are billed to the concerned organization at agreed rate/current applicable rate, as the case may be.

Upgradation of Hubli Airport

1592. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of Rs. 2 crore was sanctioned to Hubli Airport for setting up of Night Landing and Refuelling facilities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India has since started Night Landing facilities at Hubli Airport;

(c) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the Hubli Airport to a full-fledged airport; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to name Hubli Airport as Ganavidhushi Gangubai Hangal Airport as Hubli is the native place of renowned classical singer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) a sum of Rs. 11.13 crores has been sanctioned in March, 2005 for upgradation works including night landing facilities at Hubli Airport. Refuelling facilities are already in existence at the airport.

(b) Night landing facilities have already been provided at Hubli Airport.

(c) Yes, Sir. State Government of Karnataka has to hand over additional required land for the purpose.

(d) No such proposal for renaming of Hubli Airport is under consideration in this Ministry.

Bird menace around Hyderabad Airport

1593. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad is one of the most unsafe airport in the country because there are far to many kites and pigeons hovering in the flight path of aircraft;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are preparing to try out a solution to shoot away birds;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of flights affected by kites and pigeons during the last two years in Begumpet Airport; and

(f) the loss incurred by Government from these during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Bird menace is due to presence of open drain and slums all around the airport.